

**Application Details***Permit Application: 2019–007*

## 1. Applicant

Natasja van Gestel, Texas Tech University, Biological Sciences Department, 2901 Main Street, Lubbock, TX 79409.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area, collect soil and vegetation samples. The applicant proposes to enter Antarctic Specially Protected Area (ASPAs) 113, Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor, to study Antarctic soils, microbial communities, and vegetation. The studies would involve short-term, temporary installation of chambers around study plots; temporary installations of data loggers, sensors, and gauges; minimal soil sample collection; and collection of minimal vegetation samples. The applicant would collect 5 plants each of the species *Deschampsia antarctica* and *Colobanthus quitensis* and up to 20 small samples of various moss species. Moss samples would be collected near Palmer Station preferentially, if species are available there. All samples would be taken to the home institution for analysis and, ultimately, herbarium curation.

*Location:* ASPA 113, Litchfield Island, Arthur Harbor; Anvers Island, Palmer Station area.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* December 5, 2018–April 10, 2019.

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## 2. Applicant

Caitlin Saks, WGBH, 1 Guest Street, Boston, MA 02135.

*Activity for Which Permit Is Requested:* Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs). The applicant would enter ASPA 121, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 155, Cape Evans, Ross Island; ASPA 157, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 158, Hut Point, Ross Island; ASPA 172, Lower Taylor Glacier and Blood Falls, Taylor Valley to film scientific research being conducted, historically significant locations, and the natural environment. The resulting film and photography would be used to create a series of media products including a two-hour documentary. The applicant proposes to employ a video-camera and tripod, possibly a light stand (inside historic huts), a 360 degree virtual reality camera, and, where feasible and allowable, a small, remotely piloted aircraft system with a camera payload. The applicant would enter the historic huts with a trained guide and would abide by the management plans of all

ASPAs visited. The results of this work are expected to be useful for outreach and education about Antarctica and the scientific research conducted there.

*Location:* ASPA 121, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 155, Cape Evans, Ross Island; ASPA 157, Backdoor Bay, Cape Royds, Ross Island; ASPA 158, Hut Point, Ross Island; ASPA 172, Lower Taylor Glacier and Blood Falls, Taylor Valley; McMurdo Station area; McMurdo Dry Valleys.

*Dates of Permitted Activities:* October 22–November 19, 2018.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

*Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

*Name and Committee Code:* Proposal Review Panel for Office of International Science and Engineering—PIRE: Translating Cognitive and Brain Science in the Laboratory and Field to Language Learning Environments—Reverse Site Visit (#10749).

*Date and Time:* October 25, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Person:* Cassandra Dudka, PIRE Program Manager, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone 703/292–7250.

*Purpose of Meeting:* NSF reverse site visit to conduct a review during year 3 of the five-year award period. To conduct an in-depth evaluation of performance, to assess progress towards goals, and to provide recommendations.

*Agenda:* See attached.

*Reason for Closing:* Topics to be discussed and evaluated during closed portions of the site review will include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; and information on personnel. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 17, 2018.

**Crystal Robinson,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

**National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314**

**Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE)**

**Reverse Site Visit Agenda—NSF Room C3010**

*Thursday, October 25, 2018*

8:00 a.m. Panelists arrive. Coffee/light refreshments available.

8:15 a.m.–8:45 a.m. Panel Orientation—(CLOSED)

PIRE Rationale and Goals, Charge to Panel 8:45 a.m. PIs arrive. Introductions. (OPEN)

9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. PIRE Project Presentation should cover the following: (OPEN)

Research

Integrating Research & Education Students (e.g. involvement in project, recruitment, diversity)

Project Management and Communication Evaluation & Assessment

Institutional Support

International Partnerships

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Questions and Answers

12:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Working Lunch—Panel Discussion—(CLOSED)

2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Initial Feedback to Project Team (CLOSED)

2:30 p.m. PIRE PI and presenters are dismissed

2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Panel meets for Reverse Site Visit Report Preparation—(CLOSED)

4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Report presented to and discussion held with NSF staff—(CLOSED)

5:00 p.m. End of Reverse Site Visit

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

*Name and Committee Code:* Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources (EHR) (#1119).

*Date and Time:* October 18, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

October 19, 2018; 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Room E2020, Alexandria, VA 22314.

To attend the meeting in person, all visitors must contact the Directorate for Education and Human Resources at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for a visitor's badge. All visitors